

**U.S. District Court  
District of Connecticut (New Haven)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:17-cv-02042-VLB**

Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges v. United  
States Department of State  
Assigned to: Judge Vanessa L. Bryant  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/07/2017  
Date Terminated: 08/08/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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Legal Challenges**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/07/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Department of State ( Filing fee \$400 receipt number 0205-4630907.), filed by Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>6</u> Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement)(Schulz, David) (Entered: 12/07/2017)
12/07/2017		Request for Clerk to issue summons as to United States Department of State. (Schulz, David) (Entered: 12/07/2017)
12/07/2017		Judge Vanessa L. Bryant added. (Anastasio, F.) (Entered: 12/07/2017)
12/07/2017	<u>2</u>	ELECTRONIC FILING ORDER – PLEASE ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH COURTESY COPY REQUIREMENTS IN THIS ORDER. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 12/7/2017.(Bozek, M.) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/07/2017	<u>3</u>	STANDING PROTECTIVE ORDER. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 12/7/2017.(Bozek, M.) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/07/2017	<u>4</u>	ORDER RE: Judge's Chambers Practices. Counsel are directed to read and comply with the Chambers Practices and Standing Orders prior to filing any document. So ordered. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 12/7/2017.(Bozek, M.) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/08/2017	<u>5</u>	NOTICE TO COUNSEL/SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES : Counsel or self-representing parties initiating or removing this action are responsible for serving

		all parties with attached documents and copies of <u>4</u> Order Re: Chambers Practices, Request to Issue Summons, <u>3</u> Standing Protective Order, <u>2</u> Electronic Filing Order, and <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges. Signed by Clerk on 12/8/2017.(Bozek, M.) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/08/2017	<u>6</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and LR 4 as to *United States Department of State* with answer to complaint due within *30* days. Attorney *David A. Schulz* *Ballard Spahr LLP* *919 Third Ave, 37th Flr* *New York, NY 10022*. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
01/03/2018	<u>7</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges. United States Department of State served on 12/20/2017, answer due 2/18/2018. (Schulz, David) (Entered: 01/03/2018)
02/22/2018	<u>8</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Yale Law School Center for Global Legal Challenges. United States Department of State served on 1/19/2017, answer due 2/18/2018. (Schulz, David) (Entered: 02/22/2018)
02/23/2018	<u>9</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John W. Larson on behalf of United States Department of State (Larson, John) (Entered: 02/23/2018)
02/23/2018	<u>10</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, with Affirmative Defenses by United States Department of State.(Larson, John) (Entered: 02/23/2018)
05/24/2018	<u>11</u>	ORDER: Within 30 days, the parties are directed to meet and confer and file a joint status report regarding the progress of the case along with a joint proposed scheduling order that will facilitate continued progress. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 05/24/2018. (Lee, E.) (Entered: 05/24/2018)
06/25/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 06/25/2018)
06/26/2018	<u>13</u>	ORDER: The Court has reviewed the Joint Status Report, Dkt. <u>12</u> , and adopts Defendant's position. Defendant is ordered to produce responsive records on or before <b>07/18/2018</b> and the parties are directed to file a second joint status report on or before <b>07/20/2018</b> regarding the progress of the case along with a joint proposed scheduling order that will facilitate continued progress. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 06/26/2018. (Lee, E.) (Entered: 06/26/2018)
07/19/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT #2 by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/20/2018	<u>15</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER: The Court adopts the deadlines proposed in the parties' second Joint Status Report. Final production is due on or before <b>12/18/2018</b> . The Court additionally sets a dispositive motion deadline for <b>02/18/2019</b> to the extent the parties ultimately find dispositive motions necessary. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 07/20/2018. (Lee, E.) (Entered: 07/20/2018)
09/20/2018	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT #3 by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
02/12/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time until May 20, 2019, to File Dispositive Motions by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 02/12/2019)
02/13/2019	<u>18</u>	ORDER granting <u>17</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time. Dispositive motions are now due <b>05/20/2019</b> . Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 2/13/2019. (Bryan, Kelsey) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
02/13/2019		Reset deadline: dispositive motions are now due by 5/20/2019 per Dkt. 18 Order. (Shafer, J.) (Entered: 02/13/2019)
05/06/2019	<u>19</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time until April 19, 2019, to File Dispositive Motions by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 05/06/2019)
05/07/2019	<u>20</u>	ORDER granting <u>19</u> Motion for Extension of Time for good cause shown. Dispositive motions are now due by <b>6/19/2019</b> . Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 5/7/2019. (Bryan, Kelsey) (Entered: 05/07/2019)

05/07/2019		Reset deadline: Dispositive Motions are now due by 6/19/2019 per Dkt. 20 Order. (Shafer, J.) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
06/14/2019	<u>21</u>	Joint MOTION for Extension of Time until July 3, 2019, to File Dispositive Motions by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 06/14/2019)
06/17/2019	22	ORDER granting <u>21</u> Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Dispositive Motion until 7/3/2019. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 6/17/2019. (Shafer, J.) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
06/17/2019		Reset deadline: dispositive motions are now due by 7/3/2019 per Dkt. 22 Order. (Shafer, J.) (Entered: 06/17/2019)
07/03/2019	<u>23</u>	Joint STIPULATION by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 07/03/2019)
07/09/2019	<u>24</u>	ORDER of Stipulation. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 7/9/2019.(Shafer, J.) (Entered: 07/09/2019)
07/16/2019	25	NOTICE: Pursuant to the parties' Joint Stipulation, Dkt. <u>23</u> , if a motion for fee award is not filed by 8/2/2019, the Court will assume the parties have reached an agreement and will close the case. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 7/16/2019. (Bryan, Kelsey) (Entered: 07/16/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>26</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal of Case by United States Department of State. (Larson, John) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/08/2019	27	ORDER DISMISSING CASE pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) with prejudice and without costs or fees to either party in light of the parties' <u>26</u> Stipulation of Dismissal. The Clerk is directed to close this case. Signed by Judge Vanessa L. Bryant on 08/08/2019.(Diamond, Matthew) (Entered: 08/08/2019)
08/08/2019		JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS SURVEY – FOR COUNSEL ONLY: The following link to the confidential survey requires you to log into CM/ECF for SECURITY purposes. Once in CM/ECF you will be prompted for the case number. Although you are receiving this survey through CM/ECF, it is hosted on an independent website called SurveyMonkey. Once in SurveyMonkey, the survey is located in a secure account. The survey is not docketed and it is not sent directly to the judge. To ensure anonymity, completed surveys are held up to 90 days before they are sent to the judge for review. We hope you will take this opportunity to participate, please click on this link:  <a href="https://ecf.ctd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Dispatch.pl?survey">https://ecf.ctd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/Dispatch.pl?survey</a> (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 08/09/2019)